



MESSAGE NOTES

Preparing for church service

- Prayer

Hebrews 12:22-24

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Heb12:22-24 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

The church (our gathering) is a place of special encounters, encounters with God. It is a place where supernatural activities hold, a place where God and man meet, and, of course, a place where we minister to one another and be edified by one another in the faith. This is what makes our gathering unique. Therefore, we need to prepare to get the best out of these gatherings. We do not attend casually, but we prepare prayerfully, given the nature of our meetings.

We pray for:

1. The influx of souls into the church

Acts 6:4,7

4: But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the word.

7: Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

We lift our targets in prayer, asking for their salvation and that they be deeply rooted, grounded, and established in the faith. We also pray for people passing by for God's Spirit to draw them.

2. Healing, diverse miracles, solutions, and a change in difficult situations

James 5:16 (AMP) "... The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God—it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]"

When believers pray, power is released. This power is dynamic and active, working to transform situations. It brings change, rearranges circumstances, and turns hopeless conditions into opportunities for divine intervention and miracles.

3. The Word (the message, and pastors)

Ephesians 6:19 "Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,"

The Word of God is the ultimate instrument of change. That's why we pray for our pastors to be given the right words—Spirit-inspired utterances—so that as they minister, we receive revelation knowledge that transforms lives.